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## Director's Blog



On behalf of the team at the Office of Children's Services, I am pleased to introduce this new publication. Clear and timely communication is one of our most critical tools in effective collaboration and management of the Children's Services Act. [Read More...](#)

## Policy News

The Children's Services Act (CSA) codifies a system of care designed to ensure the coordination across state and local child-serving agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia for the provision of services to children and families. Over the past year, there have been some changes to CSA Policy. [Read More...](#)



Fostering Futures provides the opportunity to continue to serve and support young adults, ages 18-21, as they transition to adulthood from foster care. The 2016 General Assembly added language to the Appropriation Act (Section 346 L.1-4, M.) defining the eligible population and directing the Virginia Department of Social Services to develop the program. Youth who attain age 18 while in foster care placement on or after July 1, 2016 are eligible for Fostering Futures. As the Code of Virginia requires the extension of foster care services to age 21, these youth are eligible and mandated for CSA (COV §§63.2-905, 2.2-5211, 2.2-5212) so CSA Coordinators, CPMT

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members and FAPT members should become familiar with the requirements of Fostering Futures. [Read More...](#)

# A U D I T

You receive notice of a surprise inspection, are you ready and prepared or would you press the panic button immediately upon sight of the caller ID? If you responded with the latter, cancel the alarm. There is a resource available that will aid your efforts to always be prepared whether an audit is planned or unannounced. Before panic sets in again, you have nothing to worry about. It is not OCS' policy or practice to conduct unannounced audits. We strive to provide at least two weeks' notice prior to the start of any engagement. This is because we are confident that all of our local CSA programs are always prepared. However, we are frequently asked "how can we prepare for the audit?"

The answer.... [Read More...](#)

## C O R N E R



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#### Mission Statement

The mission of CSA is to create a collaborative system of services and funding that is child-centered, family-focused and community based when addressing the strengths and needs of troubled and at-risk youth and their families in the Commonwealth.

#### Vision Statement

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#### Celebrating our Strengths

The Wraparound Center of Excellence is thrilled to recognize Virginia's first credentialed High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) Coaches: Rachelle Butler (Facilitator Coach UMFS), Cristy Corbin (Family Support Partner Coach, UMFS), and Karen Grabowski (Facilitator Coach Middle Peninsula CSB). [Read More...](#)



#### TA Questions of the Quarter



Who is responsible for the educational services for a child with a disability who has been residentially placed for non-educational reasons outside of the CSA/FAPT process? [Click here for the answer...](#)

#### Tips from the Business Manager



The FY2017 program year has brought a new reporting system to report locality pool fund expenditures. The Local Expenditure Data and Reimbursement System (LEDRS) is a

OCS envisions CSA as a national model in providing effective and innovative systems of care statewide for at-risk youth and families. We strive for CSA to be highly regarded as a leader in improving outcomes for children and their families; facilitating the highest quality technical assistance and training to strengthen the capacity of communities to implement CSA; maintaining high standards for sound fiscal accountability and responsible use of taxpayer funds; and partnering with families and all CSA stakeholders to implement best practices and technology to continually improve the performance of CSA. OCS strives to maintain an enthusiastic, creative and knowledgeable staff empowered to work with CSA stakeholders to sustain the highest quality systems of care for Virginia's you and their families.

fund expenditures. The Local Expenditure, Data and Reimbursement System (LEDRS) is a combination of the Pool Fund reporting system, Dataset upload and the SAS Quarterly Expenditure upload. [Read More...](#)



## CSA Conference Update

Be on the lookout for information regarding the Precious Gems (Outstanding CSA Coordinator) and Precious Mental (Outstanding Public/Private Partnership) awards which will be distributed in early December. The 6th Annual CSA Conference, scheduled for April 19-20, 2017, is currently accepting requests for proposals through November 16, 2016. [Find out more...](#)

## Training Calendar

Click [HERE](#) to find out what training opportunities are available through out the state!!



## Local Spotlight

Getting the information you need is sometimes difficult, and it only gets more difficult when you are in need of help quickly. The new Community Care mobile app, available for Apple and Android devices, provides Chesterfield County, Colonial Heights, and Goochland County residents and families with the information they need in a quick, easy-to-navigate format. [Read More...](#)

## Guidelines for Submissions

If you have information you would like to share with your CSA colleagues around the state, please follow the guidelines for submission located [Here...](#)



